

CONFERENCE, 1909.



At Ambleside in Westmorland, Scale How all tranquil lay,
When a murmur like a tidal wave came booming from far away,
Bright young students by the score, we have sighted fifty-four;
They are swarming up the drive, brains alert and minds alive
Cram the class room full of chairs—some must sit upon the
floor.

Then spake Miss Parish
gently "I know you will forgive me
If I say a word in season our exuberance to still.
We are not rowdy boys that we should make a noise—
To let no Amblesider have a reason to deride her
Is the student's obvious duty, and she can, she ought, she will!"

A student then enquired if it was to be desired
That a pupil should be punished who objected to obey.
But all decided promptly that to punish was a weakness—
To keep a child from sinning you should have her from the beginning,
When others had not had a chance to spoil her well before.

—Here another spoke with meekness
"But I have from the beginning, tried to keep my child from sinning
And I cannot find a way to teach her to obey."

Then spoke Miss Kitching (W.) "The child
would never trouble you
Had you had her as a baby ere
her mother had a chance,"

But the lady interrupted
with a most
pathetic
glance:

"But I am the infant's
mother. I have trained her,
and no other!"

Here the students feelings carried them away.

And the days flew by, as they used to fly, in the dear
old time of yore,

And never a moment the fervour waned, of the blissful fifty-four.
Day after day, the whole week through, they came to discuss and
to hear.

Day after day, the business done, they turned their thoughts to good
cheer,

And some they walked, and some they talked until they could talk
no more,

In all our annals was ever a conference like this in the world
before?

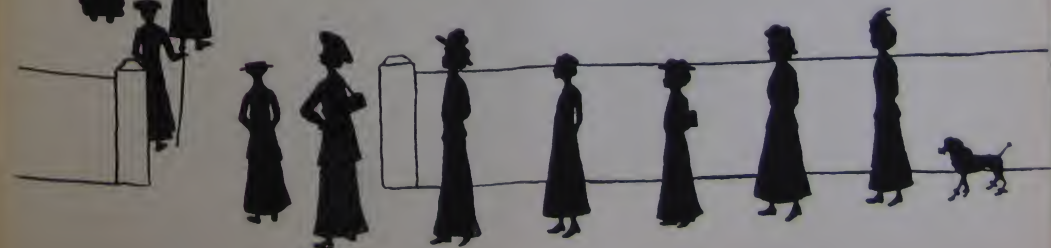
And the days flew by, and the week was done, did ever week go so
fast?

But the bountiful inspiration it brought, is a thing that is going to
last;

And far away now from our dear Scale How, our hearts are rooted
there still,

And we vow (if allowed) to return in a crowd—a vow which we
mean to fulfil.

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It is hoped that a full list of students' addresses may be published in the next "L'Umile Pianta." Will all students therefore send their home and post addresses (written *clearly*) to the Editor by July 1st. Complaints are often heard that the addresses are not kept up to date in the "Pianta." Will students remember that it is *their* duty to keep them up to date. The next "L'Umile Pianta" will appear July 15th.

THE CONFERENCE.

The Fourth Students' Conference was held from April 19th till April 26th, at Scale How, by the great kindness of Miss Mason. It was most successful, most enjoyable, and the attendance was, we believe, larger than it has ever been before, there being fifty-five ex-students present. They were: E. Armitage (1898), L. A. Bell (1906), R. Benyon-Winsor (1908), G. M. Bernau (1894), H. C. Biggar (1908), G. M. Bradley (1900), G. Bradford (1907), E. M. Brookes (1903), G. Clendinnen (1908), K. Clendinnen (1905), C. Cooper (1908), M. E. Davis (1906), D. L. Esslemont (*née* Thomson) (1903), G. Flewker (1896), E. E. Flower (1904), H. M. Fountain (1902), M. E. Franklin (1907), E. Frost (1907), E. M. Gayford (1906), M. K. Glascott (1908), M. Glenny (1905), B. M. Goode (1903), L. Gore (1898), L. Gray (1896), R. Hart (1908), W. S. Henderson (1908), E. M. Hudson (*née* Ogden) (1902), M. W. Kitching (1893), W. A. Lorimer (1908), E. H. Laurence (1901), K. Loveday (1904), C. C. Monro (1906), A. S. Moore (1897), D. E. Norris (1908), E. A. Parish (1902), M. Orr-Paterson (1908), K. M. Robotham (1908), M. Rothera (1904), Hilda Smeeton (1906), Harriet Smeeton (1906), E. A. Smith (1904), D. Smyth (1902), H. M. Stubbs (1898), W. Tibbits (1903), O. Thorp (1907), M. Vine (1908), T. Watters (1908), A. P. Whittall (1906), E. M. E. Wilkinson (1898), E. M. Wilkinson (1905), W. J. Wilkinson (1902), E. F. A. Winter (1908), M. H. Wiseman (1905), H. E. Wix (1903), K. S. Wood (1893).

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